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RE: Copyright Office Proposed Fee Schedules 2012:

Dear Register of Copyrights:

The proposed fee scheduled changes Registration of basic claims (All other claims filed electronically) for online registration (electronic filing) are concerning to me because the increased to sixty-Five (\$65.00) dollars is a 186% increase. The increase is not justified because the Copyright Office now provides online – efiles which uses less manpower. The fees for these types of copyright clearances should at minimum stay the same at thirty-five (\$35.00) dollars or be reduced to twenty-five (\$25.00) for both individuals and businesses. The economy in today's economic times does not allow for a 186% increase in price for any individual's services or business product or service. The salaries of the average workers are not being increased to accommodate these increases. I know that paper and printer cost have not increased by these percentages and to ask the public to be burden by these increase is not justifiable.

The proposed fee schedule changes indicate that the government is trying to turn a profit from the Copyright Office as an operation rather than provide a service.

I strongly ask Congress not to approve the schedule fee changes because the increases will reduce the number of copyright registrations thereby substantially reducing the benefits of Intellectual Property rights' protection to individuals and companies in the United States.

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